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SUBJECT: QATARI VIEWS ON KHMER CREDENTIALS AT UNESCO

18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 210886

1. DURING OCT 7 CONVERSATION WITH QATARI MINISTER OF
EDUCATION SHAYKH JASSEM BIN HAMAD AL-THANI, WHO WILL HEAD
GOQ DELEGATION TO UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE, I
EXPLAINED US VIEWS ON KHMER CREDENTIALS QUESTION. SHAYKH
JASSEM AGREED THAT THIS WAS POLITICAL ISSUE NOT (RPT NOT)
APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION IN UNESCO FORUM, AND HE ASSURED
ME THAT GOQ WOULD NOT (RPT NOT) SUPPORT ANY MOVE TO REJECT
GKR CREDENTIALS. JASSEM ASSERTED THAT AT MINIMUM QATARIS
WOULD ABSTAIN IF ISSUE CAME TO VOTE, ALTHOUGH IT WAS HIS
PERSONAL DISPOSITION TO OPPOSE ANY CHALLENGE TO GKR
CREDENTIALS. IN ANY EVENT, JASSEM STATED THAT QATARIS
WOULD FOLLOW SAUDI LEAD AS THEY USUALLY DID ON POLITICAL
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QUESTIONS OF THIS SORT.

2. ALSO ON OCT 7, I DISCUSSED KHMER CREDENTIALS PROBLEM IN GENERAL, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE, WITH GOQ FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF US VIEWS BUT DID NOT (RPT NOT) COMMIT GOQ TO SUPPORT US POSITION. HE SAID HE WOULD BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION OF THE AMIR SO THAT QATARI DELEGATION COULD BE APPROPRIATELY INSTRUCTED BEFORE IT DEPARTED FOR PARIS.

3. WE HAVE ALSO OUTLINED US POSITION TO TECHNICAL ADVISORS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO PARIS.

4. COMMENT: SINCE GOQ REGULARLY LOOKS TO SAUDIS FOR GUIDANCE ON SUCH MATTERS AS KHMER CREDENTIALS PROBLEM, OUR BEST BET IS TO WORK THROUGH SAG ON THIS PROBLEM.
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